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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AORG, MARR, LE, IS, UR
SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS ON UNIFIL
FINANCING

REFS: (A) USUN 1304, (B) USUN 1490

1. USUN HAS DETECTED NO MOVEMENT ON PART OF SOVIETS OR EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AWAY FROM POSITION ADOPTED DURING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426 WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING FOR UNIFIL. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO TAKE LINE THAT "AGGRESSOR", I.E. ISRAEL, SHOULD PAY FULL COSTS OF OPERATION. SOVIET MISOFF HAS INDICATED TO USUN OFFICER THAT SOVIETS WILL MAKE THIS POINT IN UNIFIL FINANCING DEBATE LATER THIS WEEK. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOVIETS INTEND TO GENERATE POLITICAL DEBATE IN PLENARY OF 8TH SPECIAL SESSION OVER LEBANON SITUATION.

2. SOVIET TACTICS CAN BE DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL TO US EFFORTS OBTAIN SMOOTH PASSAGE OF UNIFIL BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL PUT IT ON SOUND FOUNDATION. SOVIETS MAY BE SETTING STAGE FOR ULTIMATE WITHHOLDING OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM UNIFIL. SUCH WITHHOLDING WOULD, OF COURSE, WORSEN UN'S DEFICIT,
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AND WOULD FURTHER DAMAGE EFFECTIVENESS UNIFIL.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, USUN RECOMMENDS TO DEPARTMENT THAT A SENIOR MEMBER OF SECRETARY'S PARTY MAKE DEMARCHE DURING CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW URGING SOVIETS NOT TO EXPLOIT THIS SITUATION TO DETRIMENT OF UN. SOVIETS SHOULD BE URGED TO PAY FULL ASSESSMENT FOR UNIFIL OPERATIONS, BUT

REALISTIC OBJECTIVE OF DEMARCHE SHOULD BE TO PERSUADE
THEM TO REFRAIN FROM DELIBERATE TROUBLEMAKING AT SPECIAL
SESSION.

4. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THIS APPROACH, WE SUGGEST
CAPTIONED MESSAGE TO MOSCOW FOR SHULMAN FROM APPROPRIATE
DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND LEONARD. YOUNG

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